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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ALGERIA

Project title and number:	Training in Agricultural Statistics and Planning (ALG/75/026)
Executing Agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government co-operating agency:	Ministry of Agriculture
Date of approval:	November 1978
Starting date for project operations:	- 1/
Duration:	- 2/
Estimated value of the Government's inputs expressed in US dollars:	$ 1 960 400 (In kind: $1 293 000; In cash, local currency: 107 900; Cost sharing, convertible currency: 559 500 3/)
Estimated additional UNDP contribution:	$ 285 800
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. UNDP started assisting Algeria in the field of agricultural statistics initially with the project, Training in Agricultural Statistics and Census (ALG/74/004), which terminated in August 1977. Through this project, it was possible to resolve certain problems concerning the collection and processing of agricultural statistical information. At the present time, however, almost all of the cadres (engineers and technicians) attached to the Research and Planning Office of the Ministry of Agriculture come from establishments where the teaching of statistics, economics and planning is either non-existent or insignificant. They are thus insufficiently prepared to carry out their professional tasks. Two courses of action are therefore necessary: first, to expand the training of cadres already existing and second, to upgrade the level of teaching institutions.

1/ Project operations started under Preparatory Assistance in September 1977.
2/ Including the period under Preparatory Assistance, the total project duration will be five years.
3/ Includes provision of $68,700 for Executing Agency support costs.

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2. The present Government request for assistance constitutes a logical step towards transition to a higher level of training of the national cadres in agricultural statistics, more specifically in the field of agricultural analyses, studies and planning.

II. The project

3. The development objectives of the project consist of contributing towards the creation of self-sufficiency in agricultural products through perfecting the quality and the effectiveness of the national cadres in agricultural statistics and planning.

4. The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) establish a section for specialized training in agricultural statistics at the Institute for Agricultural Technology in Mostaganem; (b) create a section for the upgrading of officials in the field of agricultural statistics and planning at the Agricultural Training Centre of Ain Taya; and (c) provide direct support and advice to the Directorate for Studies and Planning in the Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform.

5. UNDP will provide for the services of three experts (two in agricultural planning and one in statistics), various consultants and some fellowships. An outlay will also be made for the purchase of certain equipment for training and testing as well as minibuses and other vehicles. In addition to its cost-sharing contribution, the Government will provide for professional and administrative support personnel, salaries for trainees abroad, buildings and for operating expenses.

6. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

	Previously approved		Present approval		Total approved	
	m/m	$	m/m	$	m/m	$
Experts	28	141 100	96	508 900	124	650 000
Training		19 000		107 200		126 200
Equipment		-		107 500		107 500
Miscellaneous		5 000		53 000		58 000
Total		165 100		776 600		941 700
Of which UNDP financed inputs		165 100		285 800		450 900
and Government cost sharing		-		490 800		490 800

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